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## HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 2001

A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO INCREASE FUNDING  
FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 To the President and Congress of the United States:

2 Whereas, the Congress of the United States enacted the Education for  
3 All Handicapped Children Act of 1975, now known as the Individuals with  
4 Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), to ensure that all children with  
5 disabilities in the United States have available to them a free and  
6 appropriate public education that emphasizes special education and related  
7 services designed to meet their unique needs, to assure that the rights of  
8 children with disabilities and their parents or guardians are protected, to  
9 assist states and localities in providing for the education of all children  
10 with disabilities and to assess and assure the effectiveness of efforts to  
11 educate children with disabilities; and

12 Whereas, since 1975, federal law has authorized appropriation levels  
13 for grants to states under IDEA at forty per cent of the average per pupil  
14 expenditure in public elementary and secondary schools in the United States;  
15 and

16 Whereas, Congress continued the forty per cent funding authority in  
17 P.L. 105-17, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of  
18 1997; and

19 Whereas, Congress has never appropriated funds equivalent to the  
20 authorized level, has never exceeded the fifteen per cent level and has  
21 usually appropriated funding at only about the eight per cent level; and

22 Whereas, Arizona is committed to providing a free and appropriate  
23 public education to children and youth with disabilities to meet their unique  
24 needs; and

25 Whereas, the Arizona Legislature is extremely concerned that, since  
26 1978, Congress has not provided states with the full amount of financial  
27 assistance necessary to achieve its goal of ensuring children and youth with  
28 disabilities equal protection of the laws; and

29 Whereas, the failure of Congress to fully fund special education  
30 programs requires states to take funding from other vital state and local  
31 programs in order to fund this underfunded federal mandate.

32 Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of  
33 Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

34 1. That the President and Congress of the United States provide the  
35 full forty per cent federal share of funding for special education programs  
36 so that Arizona and other states participating in these critical programs can  
37 fully meet the unique educational needs of children and youth with  
38 disabilities.

39 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies  
40 of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the President of the  
41 United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of  
42 Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE FEBRUARY 6, 2001.

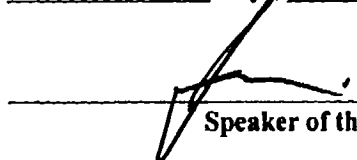
PASSED BY THE SENATE MARCH 14, 2001.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE MARCH 15, 2001.

Passed the House February 6, 20 01

by the following vote: 57 Ayes

0 Nays, 3 Not Voting

  
Speaker of the House

  
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate March 14, 20 01

by the following vote: 18 Ayes

12 Nays, 0 Not Voting

  
President of the Senate

  
Secretary of the Senate

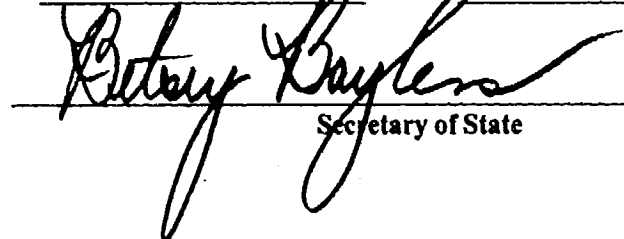
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Memorial was received by the Secretary of State

H.C.M. 2001

this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 20 001

at 2:22 o'clock PM M.

  
Secretary of State